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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

THE Society met in Washington, D. C., conjointly with Section A, Anthropology, A. A. A. S., and the American Anthropological Association, during Convocation Week, on December 30 and 31, 1902, and January 1 and 2, 1903. For the three societies was arranged a common programme, in such manner that Tuesday, December 31, was given to the Section in Anthropology, Wednesday, January 1, to the American Anthropological Association, and Thursday, January 2, to the American Folk-Lore Society, while Friday, January 3, was made a joint session. At the same time met in Washington the American Association for the Advancement of Science and affiliated societies.

On Monday, December 29, at 10 A. M., addresses of welcome on behalf of the Washington Academy of Sciences and other scientific societies were delivered in the main building of Columbian University. On Monday afternoon, Vice-President Culin made an address before the Section of Anthropology, his subject being: "New World Contributions to Old World Culture." At 8 A. M. was delivered the address of the retiring President of A. A. A. S., Professor Asaph Hall, U. S. N.

On Tuesday, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., and from 2 to 5 P. M., Section H met at the Columbian University for the reading of papers.

On Wednesday, the American Anthropological Association met at the same hours. In the evening took place the annual dinner of the American Society of Naturalists and other affiliated societies, including the American Folk-Lore Society. The dinner was followed by the annual address of the President, Professor J. McK. Cattell.

On Thursday, January 2, the American Folk-Lore Society met for business at 10 A. M.

The Secretary presented the Report of the Council, including reports made to the Council by the Secretary and Treasurer.

The membership of the American Folk-Lore Society for the year 1902 was: Honorary members, 15; life members, 12; annual members, 325; libraries subscribing, 76; total, 428.

The publication of the *Memoirs of the American Folk-Lore Society*, suspended since 1899, will during the current year be resumed with volume viii., being a collection of Maryland Folk-Lore, made by the Baltimore Folk-Lore Society. It is hoped that the series may henceforth be maintained with an annual volume.

Herewith is represented, in substance, the Report of the Treasurer, from December 30, 1901, to December 27, 1902:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last statement	\$1868 32
Receipts from payment of annual dues	795 00
Subscriptions to the Publication Fund	226 00
Sales of Journal of American Folk-Lore, through Houghton, Mifflin & Co., from February 1, 1901, to December 1, 1902 .	729 47
Sales of Journal of American Folk-Lore, through the Secretary .	2 25
Sales of Memoirs of the American Folk-Lore Society, through Houghton, Mifflin & Co., August 1, 1901, to August 1, 1902 (net of mailing charges and commission)	135 10
Exchanges	39
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	\$3756 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for manufacturing Journal of American Folk-Lore, Nos. 55-58	\$1000 53
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., for mailing and other charges, Journal of American Folk-Lore, February 1, 1901, to December 1, 1902	289 02
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., commission on sales of Journal .	72 95
E. W. Wheeler, Cambridge, Mass., printer, circulars, paper, etc.	50 00
W. W. Newell, Secretary, clerk hire, postage stamps, etc. .	68 65
To Secretaries of Local Branches, rebates of fees :	
E. W. Remick, Boston, Mass.	30 50
M. L. Fernald, Cambridge, Mass.	31 50
G. A. McLeod, Cincinnati, O.	12 50
Second National Bank, New York, N. Y., for collections .	4 70
Postage and exchange	30
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	\$1560 65
December 27, 1902, balance to new account.	2195 88
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	\$3756 53

No nominations for officers having been presented by members through the Secretary, as provided for by the rules, the Council offered their nominations, and the Secretary was instructed to cast a single ballot for officers during the year 1903, as follows:—

PRESIDENT, Professor Livingston Farrand, Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, Professor Frederick Starr, Chicago University, Chicago, Ill.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, Professor Alexander F. Chamberlain, Clark University, Worcester, Mass.

COUNCILLORS (for three years), Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C. ; Mr. James Mooney, Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C. ; Miss Alice C. Fletcher, Washington, D. C.

The Permanent Secretary was given authority to arrange the time and place of the next annual meeting, in conjunction with the meeting of Section H, Anthropology, A. A. A. S., and of the American Anthropological Association.

Committees appointed by the Council for 1903 are as follows : —

Publication : Professor Boas, Professor Chamberlain, Professor Starr, the President, and the Permanent Secretary.

Local Societies : The presiding officer of each local Branch, the President and Secretary.

Music (continued) : Dr. Franz Boas, New York, N. Y. ; Mrs. W. R. Bullock, Baltimore, Md. ; Mrs. Otto B. Cole, Boston, Mass. ; Miss Alice C. Fletcher, Washington, D. C. ; Mr. Henry E. Krehbiel, New York, N. Y.

No other business coming up, the Society proceeded to near the address of the retiring President, Professor George A. Dorsey. During the remainder of the morning session and in the afternoon the Society listened to the reading of papers.

On Friday morning the three societies met conjointly for the reading of papers. On Friday evening a reception was given by the Trustees of the Corcoran Art Gallery and the Local Committee to the visiting members of the American Association and affiliated societies.

On Saturday morning members were received at the White House by the President of the United States.

During the meetings, by courtesy of the Cosmos Club, the privileges of the club were offered to members of the American Association and affiliated societies.

In course of the meetings were read the following papers on Folk-Lore and connected topics : —

The Influence of the Algonkian Language on English Speech in America, A. F. CHAMBERLAIN, Worcester, Mass.

The Tube-guessing Game of the American Indians, STEWART CULIN, Philadelphia, Pa.

System and Sequence in Maidu Mythology, R. B. DIXON, Cambridge, Mass.

The Religion of the Arapaho, as determined by the Rites of Prayer and Fasting (Presidential Address), G. A. DORSEY, Chicago, Ill.

Pawnee Star-Lore, ALICE C. FLETCHER, Washington, D. C.

Military Insignia of the Omaha, ALICE C. FLETCHER and FRANCIS LA FLESCH, Washington, D. C.

The Aleut and his Folk-Lore, F. A. GOLDER, Cambridge, Mass.

Indian Arrow Poison, W J MCGEE, Washington, D. C.

Myths of Gestation and Parturition, WASHINGTON MATTHEWS, Washington, D. C.

Boat-Burial and the Magic Ship in Mediæval Romances, W. W. NEWELL, Cambridge, Mass.

Negro Burial Ceremonies and Societies, ROLAND STEINER, Grovetown, Ga.

Haida Mythology, J. R. SWANTON, New York, N. Y.

Certain Maryland Survivals, ANNE W. WHITNEY, Baltimore, Md.